

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's courtesies extended during the telephone conversation with the undersigned attorney on December 17, 2009, during which applicants authorized to change the dependency of dependent claim 23 to claim 3 to correct an improper dependency.

The specification has been amended to correct a minor informality in response to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency. The Brief Description of the Drawings has been amended to add a brief description of Figure 4, based on Figure 4 itself, and the discussion of Figure 4 on page 14, lines 6-13 of the specification.

Thus, this amendment relates to formal matters only and has no effect on the scope of the claims.

This amendment is fully supported by the application as filed and presents no new matter.